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# Scholastic Honors Day Set For March 13

## Tribute To Be Paid To Scholarship Effort Of All

President A. I. Thomas has designated Wednesday, March 13 as Scholastic Honors Day at Prairie View A&M College.

The idea is to promote scholarship achievement among all students at the college. "Recognition is due all students who have worked hard to develop the 'community of scholars' which is a major characteristic of the residential college," Dr. Thomas said.

Specific recognition will be

given during the day to students who earned a place on the honor roll for the First Semester. These special activities are sponsored by Alpha Kappa Mu Honors Society. Faculty sponsorship of the society is headed by Dr. Earl M. Lewis.

A special Honors Convocation is set for 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and the President's Annual Dinner for Honor Students is scheduled on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Thomas has asked for the

cooperation of all student organizations in promoting Scholastic Honors Day. Various club members have been invited to wear club colors and attire throughout the day. Special badges will be available for all students to wear "in support of scholarship".

In addition to the dinner for honor students, the college dining hall will prepare a special dinner for all students "in support of the special movement."

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## President's Dinner For Honor Students Planned

The traditional annual dinner for those students who earned a place on the first semester Honor Roll will be held on the evening of March 13, in the ballroom of the Memorial Center, culminating the activities scheduled to pay tribute to Prairie View's honor students.

This year's dinner will be no less attractive as a social event than many of the affairs of the past. This is true because President Thomas is going to some pains to assure that his honored guests will be entertained with the distinction they deserve.

The speaker for the dinner this year will be Representative Joseph Lockridge, a member of the Texas House of Representatives from the 55th representative district in Dallas County. He is a member of the Labor and Education Committee of the House of Representatives, Texas Legislature.

Rep. Lockridge will be one of the many guests of the college attending the activities planned to pay tribute to scholarships.

In addition to an exceptional speaker, the president's guest at this annual affair will be entertained by a program which has been prepared under the auspices of the Mu Alpha Sigma Honorary Society.

The Alpha Pi Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu has tradition-



**REP. JOSEPH LOCKRIDGE**  
Texas Legislator will speak at Honors Day Dinner Wednesday.

ally served as the agent of President Thomas by arranging the details of the dinner. Student members of the society will have charge of the proceedings of the evening.

Danny Kelley will be master of ceremonies; Miss Janice Criner will introduce the speaker of the evening; and Lee V. Kennedy will formally present the host for the occasion, President A. I. Thomas, to his guests.

## Science Institute Saturday To Highlight Teaching Aids

The Annual Institute for the Advancement of Science Teaching is scheduled to be held at the college Saturday, March 9.

Sponsored by the Department of Natural Sciences, the institute has for its Theme — Transitions in the Teaching of Science."

The keynote speaker for the occasion is Dr. E. L. Miller, dean of The School of Science at Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches. Dr. Miller is a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College and received the M. S. and Ph. D. degrees at the University of Illinois.

Several consultants will also serve during the one-day meet.

## Send The Band And Drill Team To The World's Fair

Prairie View A&M College Band and Drill team have been invited to march in the two parades opening the World's Fair. The parades are "The Battle of Flowers," and "The Fiesta Flambeau." The Battle of Flowers parade is Friday, April 26, 1968 at 2:00 p.m. The Fiesta Flambeau parade is Saturday night, April 27, 1968 at 7:00 p.m.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$4,500.00. We are asking all faculty members, students, the community and others to make financial donations to this worthwhile project.

Allow us to thank you in advance for your cooperation and interest.

## Engineer-of-the-Year Award

On February 22, 1968 several students from Prairie View A&M College attended a luncheon held at the University of Houston for the purpose of presenting the Engineer of the year for 1967-68 from Prairie View, Rice, and the University of Houston.

The recipient of the award from Prairie View was Mr. George R. Hadnot, a senior, majoring in Civil Engineering from Jasper, Texas. At this luncheon Mr. Hadnot received a pen set.

The following Friday evening, February 23, he was honored at

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**DR. J. K. WILLIAMS**

## State Higher Education Chief Is Honors Convocation Speaker

For the past thirteen years a special assembly has been held as a means of paying tribute to the students of Prairie View A & M college, who earned a place on the first semester Honor Roll. In addition to speakers like Dr. Allison Davis of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, a high order of symbolic color and pageantry is always a unique feature of the Convocation. Faculty personnel fittingly robed in formal academic attire, honorees wearing special gold and purple ribbons, and members of other campus honor societies along with the members of Alpha Kappa Mu adorned with distinctive identifying emblems comprise the groups which ordinarily form the gala academic procession at the beginning of the Convocation. This annual affair is with-

out a doubt, a major campus attraction that is designed to exalt the ideal of scholastic excellence.

This year the fourteenth Annual Honors Convocation will prove to be one of Prairie View's feature presentations.

The Convocation will be addressed by Dr. Jack Kennedy Williams, Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. Dr. Williams is a graduate of Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He later attained the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. He has done additional summer graduate study at the University of Virginia and the University of Kentucky.

Over the years Dr. Williams See CONVO. SPEAKER, Page 7

## Hilliard Hall Tribute — Special Dinner Planned For All Students On Honors Day

As a part of the campus-wide tribute to scholarship, the college dining hall will play its part by offering a "special" dinner for all boarding students on Scholastic Honors Day Wednesday.

"A Sunday dinner on Wednesday" is the way the Hilliard Hall Student Advisory Committee described the dinner. Not only will student favorites be served, there will also be plenty of it.

The Hilliard Hall Advisory Committee is composed of 38

outstanding students from each of the residence halls. They work with dining hall arrangements in menu selection, planning, beautification, decorum, cost control and other factors in promoting excellence.

Students function under a steering committee composed of James Crawford, Oliver Lewis and Charles Phillips. There are three sub-committees — one assigned to each of the serving rooms. These committees include — **ACADEMIC ROOM** — Sedric Susberry, chairman, Carl Mason, Billy Calhoun, Marie Ovalie Robledo, Fred Hadnot, Carolyn Wooden — **COLLEGIATE** — Joseph W. Harmon, Chairman, Rodney L. Carr, Niley J. Rosemand, Irma Anglin, Norma J. Brooks, Laura Session, Earnestine Samples, Hilla Mayberry, Gertrude Collins, Mary R. Carrier, Thelma L. Ervin, Evelyn Bell, Faye Harnsberry, Don W. Stine and Deborah Collins — **PANTHER ROOM** — Lawrence White, Chairman, Kirley Brown, Wanda Garrett, Willie Champion, William Anderson, Mary A. Simpson, Melvin Strother, Lucy M. Jackson, Oliver Lewis, Wayne Harris, William Cockrell, Maril Smith, and Gloria McGowan.

## AKM Student Leaders On Honors Day Programs



**LEE V. KENNEDY**  
President, Alpha Pi Mu



**JANICE CRINER**  
Key person in planning



**DANNY KELLEY**  
To MC Honors Dinner Program











## State Swimming and Diving Championship Here Saturday

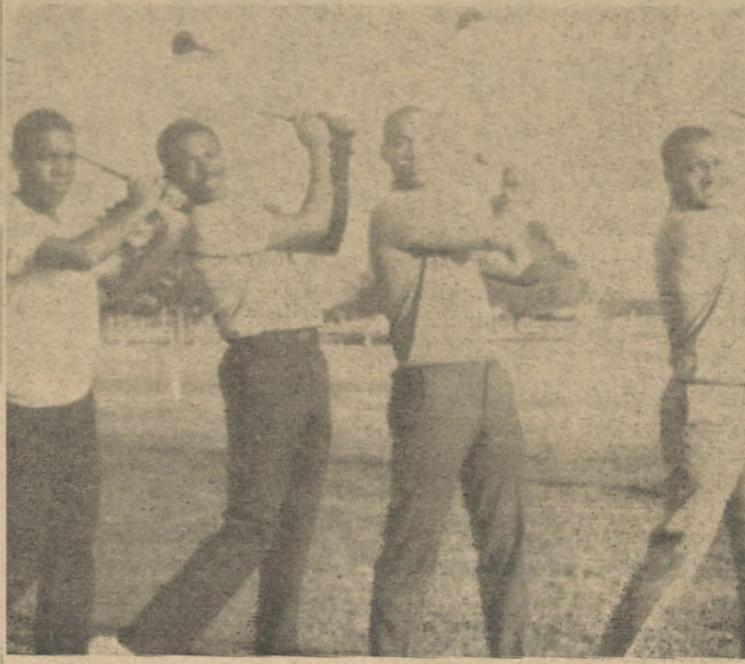
The fourth annual Invitational Swimming and Diving Championships for High Schools will be held at the P. V. A & M College natatorium on the 9th of March.

The meet, sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education is an effort to close the 1968 swimming season; in a championship meet, for high schools competing in such a pro-

gram throughout the State. The one day meet scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., is underwritten by the Southwest Region Coca Cola Company for its fourth year.

### Team Places Ninth In Ft. Worth Meet

Leonard Jones five stroke over par tournament average led Prairie View to a ninth place 7.7 stroke over par team average in the March 1st and 2nd Fort Worth Recreation tournament. The team with an average better than any of the previous years posted a four stroke round of 315 three of the first 18 holes and ended play three 36 holes with a four man score of 623, a second round score of 308.



GOLF TEAM — Paul Reed, Leonard Jones, James Shaw and Richard Bonner.



CURTIS CARTER, Captain

### Golf Team —

#### Lone Star Golf Ass'n. Gives Scholarships

The Lone Star Golf Association of Houston has for the past two years supplemented the golf program at Prairie View by giving two golfers scholarship aid of \$250.00 each. This year the Association has turned their efforts to assist the entire 5 man squad by giving full dress golf wear for each golfer.

The Association through this gesture is making an effort to promote golf in High Schools and Colleges in the Southwest Area. The Lone Star is presently making plans for the promotion of golf for High Schools and Jr. High Schools in the city of Houston, with plans of involving these athletics in their bid for golf programs, and golf competition.

#### PV Golfers Claim Three Awards In Lone Star Tournament

Leonard Jones, posted a three stroke over par round to claim top honors in the championship flight in the first 1968 Lone Star Golf Association tournament. Jones even par front nine and three over par back nine was adequate for the top honors in the top flight. Paul Reed, a sophomore claimed 2nd place honors in the championship flight in the February 25th tournament at Hermann Park in Houston.

In the first flight Richard Bonner lost in a playoff and claimed 3rd place honors in the opening tournament for the team.

Finishing the 18 hole medal play the team coasted to an 80.6 average well above the opening average in the 1967 season. The team enters competition in Ft. Worth and will set to defend the Conference title in the following tournaments.

#### PV Picks Up Easy Tennis Win Over TSU

Prairie View, in tennis, has been given an easy dual meet win over second placed 1967 Texas Southern to begin a new year toward defending the ever challenging SWAC championship.

The team with no seniors this year is made up of Benjamin Wright and Alvin Washington. Juniors: Joe Robertson, Sophomore: Herman Williams and Joseph Sybille, Freshman.

Williams the most promising freshman in the conference this year may be the player to upset top seated Ben Wright. Prairie View is expected to place three of the top four conference players in competition this year.

Wright a junior, was named among the top ranked collegiate tennis players by the American Tennis Association for the 3rd consecutive year.

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